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TINTWISTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Medical Officer's Report for the year ending December, 1957

To the Chairman and Members of the District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1957.

POPULATION

For the purpose of estimating birth and death rates, the Registrar General has for the 1957 mid-year figure estimated the number of persons as 1,500 - an increase of 30 over the previous year.

BIRTHS

The number of live births registered was 19 of which 10 were males and 9 females. Of these, 10, 53% took place at their homes. All births were legitimate. One Still Birth was reported.

The Crude Birth Rate was 12.7 per 1,000 compared with 12.9 for 1956. This rate when adjusted for comparative purposes with other districts was 13.2 per 1,000.

DEATHS

The number of deaths registered was 21 of which 13 were males and 8 were females.

The Crude Death Rate was 14.0 per 1,000 compared with 10.9 for 1956. The rate when adjusted for comparative purposes with other districts was 12.7 per 1,000.

The causes of death were certified as under:-

Coronary Heart Disease	1	Cancer	1
Other disease of circulation	3	Pneumonia	2
Haemorrhage of Brain	5	Other Diseases	3
Bronchitis	1	Suicide	1
Influenza	2	Accidental	2

Two deaths occurred among infants under 12 months of age, both having lived only 1 hour after birth and therefore premature.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Chicken Pox	1
Dysentery	2
Measles	13
Food Poisoning	1



TUBERCULOSIS

The number of cases of Tuberculosis on the register on the 31st December was three, two of these having the disease in the lungs.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CARE OF MOTHERS AND INFANTS

The Clinic in Christ Church School, Tintwistle, was held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. A doctor, a nurse, and members of the Ladies' Voluntary Committee attended each session.

In addition to advice regarding child welfare, facilities for immunisation are available at each session.

Attendances were as under:-

<u>Now</u> <u>Cases</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Attendances</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Attendances</u>	<u>Seen by</u> <u>Doctor</u>
24 (21)	670 (704)	28 (29)	94 (118)

Figures in brackets indicate the corresponding numbers in the previous year.

Provision is made for cases resident in the extreme limits of the area to be provided with free motor transport to attend the clinic once per month.

The Ladies Voluntary Welfare Committee provides valuable assistance by the sale of infant foods, the provision of teas to mothers, and clerical duties in connection with the clinic. In addition to the stock of proprietary infant foods maintained by the Committee, the issue of National Welfare Foods against coupons surrendered by the recipients is undertaken, thereby relieving the full-time staff of this duty.

One member of this Committee attends the monthly meetings of the Hyde Divisional Health Committee, thus providing a very necessary link between this voluntary body and the statutory Divisional Health Committee.

NURSING SERVICES

The part-time services of a Health Visitor, who is also responsible for covering the Longdendale U.D.C. area are available. Her duties include the visiting in the homes of all children under the age of 5 years, attendance at Clinic sessions and the visiting of school children in need of medical supervision.

The care of the aged and infirm in their own homes and visits to all cases of Tuberculosis are carried out at regular periods by this Nurse.

Cases of general sickness in the homes of the residents can, upon the request of family doctors, receive nursing attention from a District Nurse resident in Hollingworth.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Ambulance transport for the sick and injured during 1957 was the responsibility of the Hyde Health Division of the Cheshire County Council.

The number of patients carried during 1957 was 766.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Mr. H. Dano, part-time Public Health Inspector to your Council, has supplied me with the following information:-

WATER SUPPLY

The supply is provided by Manchester Corporation from the Crowdon and Woodhead catchment areas. The water supply is adequate and of good quality. All drinking water supplied to the Tintwistle area, with the exception of Woodhead and Crowdon, is now chlorinated.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

The majority of premises are fitted with the water carriage system of drainage. There are only 4 premises where a pail type of closet is in existence, of which are of "Elsan" type. There are also 31 tippler closets in the area. A scheme is now being brought into operation whereby the slop water closets shall be converted into fresh-water flush closets. The scheme will be grant-aided.

REFUSE

Ashbins are the usual method for the collection of household waste, there being approximately 565 bins in use, which are emptied weekly at Tintwistle and fortnightly at Crowdon and Woodhead.

No ashpits or privy middons exist within the area.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

The number of inspections made in accordance with the Sanitary Officers Regulations, 1935, was approximately.....650
Statutory Notices served..... 1
Informal Notices served..... 36

DAIRIES AND MILK SUPPLY

The number of farms at which milk is produced and sold either retail or wholesale is 4. Bottled milk is supplied at 3 premises. All are inspected periodically, milk sampling for cleanliness and quality is under the control of the County Council. In addition, two farms in the Crowdon and Woodhead area produce milk only for the use of the farmer and his family.

RODENT CONTROL

Under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, regular surveys have been carried out - Sowers, outfall works and the refuse tips being treated with poisons approximately six times per year. Complaints regarding rat and mice infestations are dealt with promptly. The poisons used are Zinc Phosphide, Arsonious Oxide, Red Squill, Warfarin, and "Lopit" gas cartridges.

I am appreciative of the assistance rendered to me by members of the Council and for information supplied by other officials.

I remain,

Yours obediently,

F.W.C.BROWN,

Medical Officer of Health.

May, 1958.

